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Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of each of claims 1-10 be conducted.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 504213 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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